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1. According to recent reports the entire meteorological service is to be re-organized in the near future. The principal weather station is to be moved from Potsdam to Schoenefeld as soon as that air base has been returned to German control. The Soviet forces now stationed at Schoenefeld will be moved to Vernouchen. At the same time, the East German meteorological service is to be placed under control of the HVL.
2. The State Security Service (SSD) in the Soviet Zones has in recent weeks shown special interest in the personnel employed by the meteorological service in Potsdam. This interest could, of course, have been prompted by the flight of a number of the personnel to the West. Local observers, however, believe that it is more likely a screening process preparatory to a transfer of the meteorological service into a civilian air security service operating in conjunction with the para-military HVL. The para-military police have also received requests for personnel suitable for such a service.

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